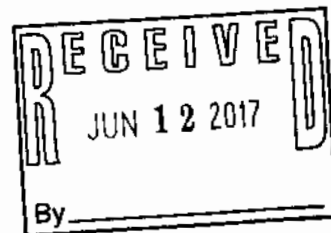


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**Subject:** FOIA request from Boston Globe

Dear Nancy:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting access to and copies of the following items:

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**All communications between Jan. 1, 2017, and June 8, 2017, with EPA officials and General Electric Corp. pertaining to reopening negotiations between the EPA and the company over the rest of the river cleanup of the Housatonic River.**

I believe this request meets the criteria for expedited processing under 28 CFR 16.5(d)(1), as "Circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual" AND/OR a "matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence" AND/OR "An urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information." I am a reporter for the Boston Globe and plan to widely disseminate the information to the public.

Please waive any applicable fees. I am seeking the information on behalf of the Boston Globe, the largest newspaper in New England, for dissemination to the general public. I believe that release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. I believe the information will help educate the public about how the agency operates and shed light on how effectively the system is working. As a media requestor, I am also not required to pay more than the actual costs to copy the data.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or email, rather than by US mail, should you have questions regarding this request. The information is of timely value to my work as a journalist.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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